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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1, 5-7, 9, 14, 19, 23, 24 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Leskela et al (WO 01/55793 A1).

Leskela et al disclose a coated paper comprising a paper substrate coated with a coating composition comprising at least three pigments and binder such as styrene-butadiene acrylic copolymers (page 7, lines 3-11). Leskela et al's pigment includes calcium carbonate, kaolin and gypsum (page 5, lines 10-30). Leskela et al also disclose pigments such as titanium dioxide, plastic pigments, aluminum silicate, talc, aluminum hydroxide etc. (page 6, lines 18-24). Leskela et al also disclose addition of lubricant such as sulfonated oils, esters, amines, calcium or ammonium stearate etc (page 7, lines 17-18). Leskela et al's coated paper is useful in

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electrophotography (Abstract). Leskela et al disclose a pigment particle size of less than 0.5 microns (page 6, lines 11-17).

4. Claims 1-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Leskela et al (WO 01/55793 A1) in view of Normington et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,952,082).

Leskela et al, which has been discussed above, fail to disclose claimed additional number of pigments, glass transition temperature of the binder resin, particle size of plastic pigments, polymethyl methacrylate pigment, claimed internal bond strength, claimed gloss and Parker Print surface.

Normington et al disclose electrophotographic recording medium comprising paper coated with a coating composition comprising clay, carbonate, plastic pigment, starch and latex binder (column 5, lines 55-60, Table and column 7, lines 25-45). Normington et al disclose Parker Print smoothness 2.1-2.3. Normington et al also disclose conventional paper having Parker Print smoothness 1.38-1.42 (Table 1). Normington et al disclose 75° TAPPI gloss of 35-50 for a medium gloss paper and 65-90 for high gloss paper (column 5, lines 30-39). Normington et al disclose that the plastic pigments aids in achieving gloss on the paper during calendaring (column 6, line 61 to column 7, line 1).

Therefore, in absence of showing criticality of number of pigments, claimed Scott internal bond of the coated paper, co-efficient of fraction and a surface resistivity, a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of this invention made to utilize disclosure of Normington et al in the invention of Leskela et al to make a coated paper having required properties for electrographic printing. Use of number of pigments is dependent on required color of the coated

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paper. It is well known in the coating art to color match coating for desired color using number of colored pigments.

No claims are allowed.


5. Receipt of Information Disclosure Statements file October 9, 2003 and March 3, 2004 is acknowledged. All references have been made of record.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner D. S. Nakarani whose telephone number is (571) 272-1512. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carol Chaney can be reached on (571) 272-1284. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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